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Despite Security Council resolution 819 (1993) of 16 April 1993 and despite the presence of 150 United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) troops, Serb paramilitary units are rapidly advancing on Srebrenica, supplemented by intense barrages of heavy artillery. These resumed attacks put Srebrenica's civilian population in grave danger of expulsion and extermination.

The mandate under which UNPROFOR now operates in Srebrenica handicaps UNPROFOR in carrying out its mission: namely, protecting the town's 60,000 civilian inhabitants. The current Serbian offensive further makes this task all but impossible.

Recalling the primary responsibility of the Security Council, under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security and believing that the Council has a commitment to enforce its resolutions and further believing that the Council does not exclude Srebrenica's 60,000 civilians from the realm of these responsibilities, the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina requests that the Council expand UNPROFOR's mandate in Srebrenica so that it may successfully carry out the mission entrusted to it by the Council.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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